

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Larger media companies do NOT strengthen diverse reporting and analysis. Quite the contrary, the opposite occurs. The interest of large media companies is only in profit, not informing. News will become even more infotainment rather than information. That means more stories of murder and death, less stories of deep political analysis and local political issues. The current media concentration has diminished the ability of the news media to engage in a critical "watchdog" role. Where is the deep analysis of why and how 911 occurred? Where are the accurate stories of the growing anti-Iraq war movement? Where is the deep analysis of the connection of Enron and the California energy crisis? What if Enron owned a big share of the media? I shudder to think of the consequences.